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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the reason for not holding it as in the case of the non-basic, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The question papers run into several pages. They are of the short answer type. The volume of work involved in setting the question papers and printing them and the cost involved in conducting the examinations is considerable. Therefore, it is not considered advisable to have the examinations twice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that for want of the second examination, the pupils have to waste another entire year and thus their man-power and intellectual power are being wasted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : They need not waste their time. They could also study and come out as better teachers, if they would study during this period.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஆசிரியர்கள் நெருக்கடி இருப்பதை முன்னிட்டு, அவர்களுக்கும் இரண்டு முறை பரீட்சை வைப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : இதெல்லாம் அரசாங்கத்தின் பரிசீலனையில் இருந்துவருகிற விஷயம். இந்தப் பரீட்சை இரண்டு முறை வைக்க வேண்டியதில்லை என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகிறது.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government examined the question of increasing the examination fees, if necessary, to meet the cost?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Government have not considered that question.

S.S.L.C. Public Examination

* 94 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the time schedule within which answer papers of S.S.L.C. Public examination will have to be sent to the examiners for correction;

(*b*) the time given for each examiner for the return of answer papers and the number of answer papers to each examiner;

(*c*) whether the same has been followed for the academic year 1964–65; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THT HON. SRI M. BRAKTAVATSALAM' (*a*) to (*d*) Details cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that this year the answer papers were sent to the examiners very very late, and that has caused inconvenience for the examiners to return the papers in time and also they corrected the papers in a hurried way, which is not proper and conducive to the examination itself?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, the answer papers were sent very very late. They were sent late, because examinations were held late. I cannot admit what the hon. Member seems to allege that the answer papers were corrected in a hurried way.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What is the time allowed for correcting these papers, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All these details cannot be given in the public interest. Even without all these details, there are attempts to get at the examiners and get marks and all that.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government thought of any substitute for examinations, and have any suggestions been made by the National Education Commission in this regard, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like the educational experts like the hon. Member to give us suggestions about a substitute. I would also like to dispense with the examinations if we could have a proper way of getting the boys and girls to study well.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Is it a fact that certificate books of S.S.L.C. students, who passed this year, were delivered too late in the mofussil areas with the result they experienced great difficulty in getting admissions to the colleges? What action have the Government taken in this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : On account of the examinations having been held late, there was some delay in despatching the certificate books. But the University has been good enough to extend the time for applying for admissions to colleges up to the 21st August 1965.

Tamil book for the Central Government Prize Award Scheme

* 95 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether any Tamil book was selected for the Central Government Prize Award Scheme for the year 1964–65?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In the competition held in 1964 under the Central Scheme for the Award of Prizes for best books in Children's Literature, the book " Pandaya Ulagil Parakkum Pappa " was selected for the award of a prize for best book in Tamil.